(a) whether Government are taking adequate steps to help Karnataka and Gujarat which are facing severe power shortage and have asked Maharashtra Government to rush power to both these States;

(b) if so, whether the Chief Minister has also met him on 14th January and apprised him of grave situation that the Karnataka has been facing due to power shortage; and

(c) if so, what assistance and help was provided to the Karnataka State to meet the power shortage after this meeting and to what extent the power shortage has been met?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Karnataka has been facing power shortage due to reduced hydel generation. Power shortage conditions developed in Gujarat during the mid of January, 1986 for about a week due to multiple outages of thermal units Maharashtra Government was requested to render maximum assistance to these States to mitigate the power shortage conritions. Gujarat is now, by and large, meeting its energy requirements fully.

(b) The Chief Minister of Karnataka met the Minister of Energy on 13th January, 1986 and also discussed the problem of power shortage in Karnataka.

(c) Maharashtra State Electricity Board has supplied to Karnataka 63 MU in January, 1986 and 81 MU in February, 1986 (upto 23rd February). This has helped in mitigating power shortage in Karnataka to some extent.

जोधपुर में मुख्य डाकघर

886. **श्री भंवर लाल पंवार** : क्या **संचार मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जोधपुर में मुख्य डाकघर का भवन बनाने की कोई योजना है;

(ख) डाकघर के भवन की कब तक बन जाने की योजना थी, क्या इसके निर्माण में कोई विलंब हुआ है; यदि हाँ तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और इसका कार्य कब तक शुरू कर दिया जाएगा; और

(ग) इस भवन के कब तक पूरा होने की आशा है और इस पर कितनी लागत आने की संभावना है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) भवन निर्माण का कार्य 1985 शुरु किया जाना था लेकिन रेलवे स्टेशन के सामने अपेक्षाकृत खुला क्षेत्र प्रदान करने तथा डाक विभाग और रेल विभाग के हितों को देखते हुए इसका स्थान बदल दिया गया । अब नए प्रधान डाकघर भवन का निर्माण करने का निर्णय ले लिया गया है तथा निर्माण कार्य शीघ्र ही शुरु हो जाने की संभावना है ।

(ग) भवन निर्माण कार्य के अप्रैल, 1988 तक पूरा हो जाने की आशा है तथा इस पर आने वाली लागत लगभग 75 लाख रू० होगी ।

जोधपुर मे इलैक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंज

887. **श्री भंवर लाल पंवार** : क्या **संचार मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जोधपुर में इलैक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंज लगाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है;

(ख) यदि इसे अभी तक स्थापित नहीं किया जा सका है तो इसके कब तक कार्य शुरू किये जाने की संभावना है;

(ग) इस एक्सचेंज से कितने टेलीफोन उपभोक्ताओं को लाभ होने संभावना है; और कब तक; और

(घ) इस एक्सचेंज के खुलने से जोधपुर में टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों की प्रतीक्षा-सूची की क्या स्थिति रहेगी और शेष उपभोक्ताओं को कब तक कनेक्शन मिल सकेंगे ?

संचार मंत्रालय में **राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा)** : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) इलैक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंज 1988-89 में चालू किए जाने की आशा है।

(ग) 1989 के दौरान इस इलैक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंज से लगभग 4500 उपभोक्ताओं को लाभ प्राप्त होगा।

(घ) यद्यपि 3800 उपभोक्ताओं की वर्तमान प्रतीक्षा सूची समाप्त हो जाने पर भी, उस समय तक 6000 उपभोक्ताओं के प्रतीक्षा सूची में रहने की संभावना है। इन उपभोक्ताओं को 1992-93 के दौरान उत्तरोत्तर टेलीफोन कनेक्शन प्रदान किए जा सकेंगे।

Violation of drugs price control Order 1979

888. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY: be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of drug companies have been found overcharging the consumer as well as violating the provisions of Drugs Price Control Order, 1979; and

(b) if so, name of each company and action taken against each since the inception of Drugs Price Control Order, 1979?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Some instances have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) In one instance of M|s. Warner Hindustan Ltd. relating to over charging of process of Isokin 300 mg tablets, Isokin Liquid and Pyridium tablets on the pretext of treating these formulations as price decontrolled, the company have reverted back to the approved prices after the matter was taken up with them. Action is on in accordance with the due procedure of law in other instances which have come to the notice of the Government.

Import of crude oil

889. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a proposal to import of crude oil;

(b) if so, whether this decision is a departure from the traditional procurement policy;

(c) what is the total quantity of oil that oil be imported under this new decision is 1986;

(d) what are the countries from which oil will be imported;

(e) what are the rates on which the oil will be purchased; and

(f) to what extent the oil imports during 1986 will be sufficient to meet the domestic needs of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a), (b) and (c) The import Plan approved envisages purchase of oil through term contract on market related prices and in the spot market.

(c) The estimated quantity of crude oil to be imported in 1986 is 14.66 million tonnes.

(d) It is proposed to cover imports against term contracts in 1986 from the following countries:

1. USSR
2. Saudi Arabia
3. Iraq
4. Iran
5. Abu Dhabi
6. Oman
7. Egypt

(f) The imports are made to make good the shortfull in domestic production to meet our entire demand.